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Humanities Happenings

YES there's music to be heard - - a lot of good listening to enjoy - - a lot of free concerts by the music department to attend in April!!!! Check these dates and performing groups for sheer pleasure.

On April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium the Concert Choir will present their Spring Concert. April 13, Sunday, at 3 p.m. the PBJC Concert Orchestra turns on good listening music in the Auditorium. On April 16 the Jazz Ensemble will entertain in Concert at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium. All devoted fans of Mrs. Johnson's Pacesetters can hear and see their idols perform at 8 p.m., April 23, in the Auditorium. Doesn't each of these performing groups "just turn you on?" Attend these programs and see if you don't agree.

Meantime, while here for the concerts, drop in at the Art Gallery in the Humanities building and see the exhibit. The Student Exhibitions are on display from April 1 through May 2.

VA INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Several members of the Registrar's staff routinely provide information to students who receive some benefits through the Veterans Administration. To answer some detailed questions a VA Representative Mr. Fred Ward, provides assistance to veterans.

Beginning in August, Mr. Ward has served as a liaison between the colleges and the Veterans Administration helping to expedite educational payments to students attending institutions of higher learning. Along with his weekly visits to Florida Atlantic University and the Federal Building in West Palm Beach, Mr. Ward counsels veterans at PBJC on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition to Mr. Ward's services, Mr. Disbro, a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist from the VA Regional office in St. Petersburg, comes to the PBJC Campus 3 to 4 weeks after the start of each semester to assist disabled veterans.

BILL DUNN'S CIRCUS CAREER

The excitement of playing such places as Madison Square Garden and Disneyland, being snowbound in Wyoming in July and flooded out in Winnipeg made Bill Dunn's 18 years with the circus anything but hum-drum.

Dunn, equipment manager for the Palm Beach Junior College Athletic Department, always gets nostalgic for his former life when it's time for the circus to come to town.

"When the circus comes to town, I go in the back door; I never have to pay," Dunn says.

Dunn knows many of circusdom's great entertainers, including the Flying Wallendas and Emmett Kelly, the forlorn clown.

The former trapeze artist got his start in a neighbor's sawdust-filled backyard in Chattanooga, Tenn., with 18-20 other young people, practicing acrobatics on bars and rings and tricks on bikes and motorcycles.

Because the youngsters first trained in undershirts and shorts, a few prudish onlookers called the police, who not only refused to arrest them, but commended them instead.

Bill and two others of that group turned professional.

Dunn has worked for a number of different circuses, including the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers, and the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey and has had his act booked into various fairs and expositions.

The performer began in acrobatics and went into tumbling, teeter board, and finally into trapeze work, where he was a "catcher" for the "flyers".

He trained his wife Peggy and later his daughter, Patricia, who became part of the act when she was six years old, and the family developed several different acts.

Pat went through school with the Calvert Correspondence system, and Dunn feels she had the advantage of seeing and experiencing the things other children just read about.

"Being part of a circus is like being a member of a large family," Bill says.

"We made our own recreation, entertaining each other," he points out.

"The 'backyard' of the circus was the performers' home ground, where they lived in their own trailers," Bill explains.

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"Most families cooked their own food, but there was a cook tent for those who were single," he admits.

Bill thinks it was a good life, "although sometimes the traveling did get monotonous," he admits.

He recalls the time a lion escaped and was later recaptured in town, during a performance in St. Joseph, Mo., and the time the elephant act went to the wrong town, one with the same name as where the circus was scheduled.

Playing Disneyland was fun for the family, especially for daughter, Pat, who was marshal for the daily parade, and each day had a different celebrity riding in her horse-drawn carriage.

Walt Disney, Groucho Marx, Peggy Lee, and Fess Parker were just a few, Bill recalls.

One damp evening, when the family was playing a fair somewhere in Ohio, Bill remembers the horrible sensation when his hands grasped his wife's fingers instead of her wrists; fortunately, she fell safely into the net.

"Circus performers make their own rigging and nets," Bill says, so they can make sure of its safety."

Several other close calls contributed to his wife's later back problems, which led to the family's departure from the circus.

Bill enjoys working closely with the PBJC Athletic Department, and in his spare time, keeps busy with Citizens Band Radio.

Bill owns three: one in his home, another in his car and a third in a pickup truck.

He plays guitar and his wife sings with a musical group, playing mostly country and western music which performs for Citizens Band get-togethers, so they still enjoy entertaining people.

THE BLOOD BANK HISTORY

The recent PBJC Blood Drive, sponsored successfully by our Sales and Marketing Club, brings the total number of pints donated to our PBJC Blood Bank account to well over 1,000 since the beginning of the first blood donation over 20 years ago.

Our PBJC Blood Bank originated as a result of 9 pints of blood needed due to emergency surgery on the wife of Dean Paul J. Glynn in the early 1950's. The following day (Monday), when Dean Glynn arrived on campus he ran into Jack Kidd, who was president of Kiwanis Circle K Club at that time, and Dean Glynn mentioned his wife's illness. That afternoon when Dean Glynn went to the Blood Bank, then located at Good Samaritan Hospital, to give a pint of his own blood toward the nine needed, he found at least 30-35 of our PBJC students waiting to donate blood toward Mrs. Glynn's surgery. As a result, of course, more blood than was necessary was donated and this was our beginning.

All students and their families, staff and faculty, and anyone working for the Board of Trustees, as well as those working for the Board of Education, and their families, in Palm Beach County, benefit from this account.

PBJC always works with the Palm Beach County Blood Bank, which is officially recognized as the 'Bank' here in Palm Beach County. They are nationally affiliated, which gives our donors a greater latitude in permitting people living as far as Honolulu, to draw on this particular bank. People today should be 'educated' to donate. Dean Glynn firmly believes that once you donate, you will do it for the rest of your life. Dean Glynn has completed his five gallon mark. There are many people as high as thirteen and fourteen gallons and still going strong.

The administration of the Blood Bank is done by the Palm Beach County Blood Bank. Dean Glynn has been our 'campus chairman' all these years, ably assisted by his wife, two children, and all of his secretaries down through the years. All they must know from you and yours to receive blood from the Palm Beach County Blood Bank (PBJC Account) is:

1. Complete name and address of patient
2. Name of doctor and address
3. Name of hospital

It is hoped that in the future a brochure might be developed making known the history and availability of our PBJC Blood Bank to all of our PBJC family. All are urged to take advantage of this service should the need arise and do not hesitate to contact Dean Glynn should you have any further questions.

THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J.M. Schneider

PERSONNEL CHANGES

During the past two months there has been no new hiring because of the budget cut. Since the last issue of the "Staff News" John Thompson was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Custodians. Daniel Mendes was elevated to Foreman of the Cleaning Crew - - the position which John Thompson vacated.

William Corsaro became a regular full time Security Guard while Howard Reynolds was also transferred to a regular full time position as a Groundskeeper.

With the current unemployment picture our staff turnover has also been minimal.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CITED

It takes a combination of good health and a conscientious attitude to go through a complete year without using any sick leave. In addition to myself the following classified personnel had perfect attendance records for the 1974 year:

Grant Bartels
Jean K. Davis
Jeffrey G. Hunter
Solomon Jackson
Cleodis Lealand
Harry E. Lockwood
Robert McConnell
Betsy Meyers
Ester "Kelly" Moore
Margarita Ramos
Joyce St. Bernard
John Thompson
Clement F. Zeimet

Several personnel are "repeaters" from last year, but Cleodis Lealand at the Glades Center has the longest record. Cleo has not had a day of sick leave on record for almost seven years!

- - In the last issue Jane Joffre was reported in the "6 Year Personnel" category. Jane should have been reported in the "10 Year Personnel" category.

NEW DUGOUT DONATED

Members of the staff who enter and leave PBJC from the Sixth Avenue entrance have probably noticed the new dugout facilities at the baseball field.

Some do not realize that \$6,000 worth of labor and materials for the dugouts was contributed by two local firms: Adeimy Concrete and Wade Rogers and Sons Construction.

Bill Adeimy's firm donated the four inch concrete slabs for the dugout floors, while Wade Rogers' company contributed the time and material for the rest of the construction.

Rogers' son Glenn plays second base for the PBJC Pacers, and surprisingly, Adeimy's son plays for Miami-Dade South.

Dusty Rhodes, PBJC Baseball Coach is pleased with the dugouts.

"I think we will have the finest facilities around," he said.

"I'm sure the college is just as pleased as the team about this donation from the community."

DATA PROCESSING SERVICES EXTENDED

As you may have noticed in a former issue of the Beachcomber, the Student Government conducted a survey of approximately 2,000 students concerning attitudes on a variety of interesting subjects.

The Data Processing Department designed and implemented a program for the computer to process the survey and compile meaningful results.

The program is designed to process up to 70 questions with a maximum of 10 responses per question. The resulting printout shows how many questionnaires were processed and the percentage of responses per choice for each question.

Designed with general usage in mind, the program can be used for surveys, testing (multiple choice questions), or any other purpose where percentage of response results are required from multiple answer type of questions.

Further information on this subject can be provided by the Data Processing Office.

AROUND CAMPUS

Congratulations to: Cecelia Pittman who returned to work in the LLRC on March 5. She has a baby daughter born December 15, named Chanelle Dellresa. Incidentally, her middle name is a combination of Idella (for Idella Wade - Acquisitions Librarian) and Teresa (for Teresa Baxter of the Library Staff), with whom her mother works.

Congratulations also to Debbie Jefferson, of Finance, who returned to her job on February 3. Her son, Arthur, was born on December 5.

Bernice Johnson's husband, Rev. Raynold Johnson, is at home now recuperating nicely from open heart surgery performed at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. Bernice is a member of the Library staff and her husband is pastor of the Community Covenant Church on High Ridge Road in Lake Worth.

Joyce St. Bernard and her husband are very happy that their daughter, Janet, will be home March 15 to do her interning in Music Education at Lantana Junior High. After her internship Janet will graduate from Florida State in June.

Mary Jane Hamilton's friends will be happy to hear that she was able to visit the Library recently to see her former co-workers. She is having therapy at the Rehabilitation Clinic in Palm Beach and doing very well.

Wilma Weigel and her husband have a new mobile home where they are living during the week. They have just finished building their new (retirement) home in Stuart, where they spend weekends.

Joanna Michaels of Purchasing visited her son, Paris, the weekend of March 1 to help him celebrate his 21st birthday. Paris is a flying instructor and a third-year student at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

Joyce Cates of the Registrar's Office is getting ready for another wedding in June. Her son, Steve, a graduate of PBJC, will marry Daryll Meikeljohn on June 7.

Jeanette Sanders is also helping her daughter Jeanne plan her wedding on June 21 to Bill Grandy. Before that time her older daughter, Tina, will be home from college on Spring Vacation and the family will take a trip to North Carolina together.

We are glad to hear that Marie Piber's husband has received a clean bill of health after two hospital visits in the past two months. Marie is a member of the Evening Coordinator's office.

Ann Dorosh of PBJC-North, is going to Turks Islands with her husband this Spring to visit their son, Greg, who is employed there. Ann also is happy that their son, Rick, has been accepted to the University of Miami Medical School.

The Dental Health staff will be bidding Pat Hoyle good-bye soon, as she is leaving PBJC to work as a dental assistant.

Congratulations to Lynne Vazquez, daughter of Marilyn Vazquez in Personnel, who recently won a citizenship speech contest sponsored by the Lake Worth Exchange Club. Lynne, who is a senior at John I. Leonard High School, won the same contest a year ago. She will be competing in the district contest in April.

FORMER "POLICIES" BECOME "RULES"

Recently community colleges were told by the State that "policies" passed by the Board of Trustees would be changed to "rules". A new numbering system was also devised.

As a result the "Personnel Policy Manual" which all college personnel have received in the past with the periodic revisions will have to be reissued as a "Personnel Rules Manual". Within the next month the Personnel Office will be sending you a complete set of the new "rules" to be inserted in the "Blue Book". Unless it is specifically stated the content in the rules will be the same as the content in the former policies.

Typewriter Keyboard Undergoes Changes

In a recent issue of the Grit magazine, we learned that 102 years after Sholes designed one of mankind's most frustrating contraptions (the typewriter keyboard in 1873) there has been introduced a typewriter with the American Standard Keyboard. Sholes designed his keyboard purposely so persons would have a hard time using it, reasoning that a plodding typist would be less likely to jam the keys of the crude machines then being manufactured, whereas, the experts say that the new keyboard being manufactured at present increases typing speed from 30 to 50 per cent.

Dr. August Dvorak, Director of Research at the University of Washington in Seattle, designed the new keyboard in 1932 but the present manufacturer is the first company to market the typewriter based on the new design and is marketing four models. Dvorak's keyboard permits 70 per cent of the work to be done on the home keys. On the new models, all vowels are grouped on the second row, but the numerals are still out of reach on the top row. Some of the symbols, - such as the period, have been switched around. Dvorak's design also has changed the amount of typing done by each hand so that the weaker left hand won't have to do so much work. How about that - typists?